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Planning

WorkWell National Support Team

Department for Work and Pensions

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Work and Pensions

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://dwp.bravosolutions.co.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Social protection

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

WorkWell National Support Team

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80521000 - Training programme services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Pursuant to regulation 48(1) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015, the purpose of this Prior Information Notice is to notify the market that the Department for Work and Pensions (“DWP”) plans to host a market engagement event to inform the market of a prospective contract opportunity for a National Support Team (“NST”) as part of the National Support Offer (“NSO”) to support the WorkWell pilot programme.

WorkWell is a new forward-thinking work and health services grant worth approximately £57 million (excluding VAT) over 2 years. The funding will be made available through a grants competition for approximately 15 areas to become WorkWell Vanguard areas for this pilot programme. The grant will be paid via Integrated Care Boards, in partnership with local authorities who will apply to design and deliver WorkWell pilot services. The 15 areas will be spread across England and their locations will be selected and confirmed by spring 2024.

For further information about WorkWell please follow this link: WorkWell - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

The NSO will be critical in enabling WorkWell pilot areas to design and deliver integrated work and health partnerships and services, and to ensure they make good progress towards achievement of the wider WorkWell programme’s ambitious aims and objectives.

The NSO comprises of 3 elements:

1. A NST to provide overall strategic leadership and support to Vanguard areas, that will be appointed through this exercise.

2. A team of regional advisors to support the implementation of Vanguard in the regional context

3. Learning and Change Managers in each of the Vanguard to help to secure wider NHS and partner agency support for the programme locally.

DWP are looking to procure a third party supplier for point 1 above, the NST.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Main site or place of performance

England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

19 February 2024

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

WorkWell is a pilot service which aims to better integrate local employment and health support for disabled people and people with health conditions to start, stay and succeed in work. The NSO has been designed to be made up of three interconnected elements, delivered nationally, regionally and within systems. DWP is seeking to procure one supplier for one contract for the National Support Team (NST) element of the NSO, being the provision of a central team of health and work expert advisors to provide support for cross system strategic leadership, including, but not limited to, designing and managing a process for system maturity diagnostics and subsequent bespoke work and health partnership development; specific expertise on development of evidence-based strategy and delivery planning; producing work and health data tools and resources and establishing a Work and Health learning network for vanguard areas and non-vanguard areas who wish to make, or can be encouraged to make progress on this agenda("Services"). The contract is expected to have an initial term of 2 years.

DWP are looking to engage in early market research and launch a webinar on Wednesday 10th January 2024 to gauge the level of interest in the provision of such Services and seek feedback. The main purpose of the market engagement event is to raise awareness of the relevant elements of the Services and to provide high level background information to help the market develop an understanding of the requirements of the Services; and to gather information about the supply market and potential delivery models. This event will include time for a Question-and-Answer session with colleagues from WorkWell Policy and DWP Commercial. Following the market engagement event, a copy of relevant questions raised by interested parties and DWP's responses to such questions may be made available.

Note: The webinar event is for pre-procurement market engagement only and does not commit DWP or any other organisations to any future procurement exercise.

DWP uses the eProcurement portal Jaggaer (formerly Bravo Solution) to conduct all Commercial activities. If not already registered on this portal, registration is required.

If you would like to attend this event at 12:00 on Wednesday 10th January 2024, you should register your organisation by 8th January 2024 via the following link <https://dwp.bravosolution.co.uk> & click the link to register - Accept the terms & conditions & click 'continue' - Enter the correct business & user details - Note the chosen username & click 'Save'. An email will be received with the applicable password. Please keep this secure.

Once registered please access the WorkWell NSO code – pqq_28919

Please note the event will be virtual and joining details will be sent closer to the time.

All future information relating to this market engagement will be issued to potential providers via the DWP e-Tendering Portal.